

The organizational meeting of the Northampton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Board of Supervisors present were:

- Barry Moore
- Larry Weinstein
- Eileen Silver
- Dr. Kimberly Rose
- George F. Komelasky

Others present were:

- Robert M. Pellegrino, Township Manager

Chairman Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence in support of our troops and emergency service responders.

Election of Board Chairman for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to elect Larry Weinstein as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for 2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Chairman Weinstein thanked Mr. Moore for his leadership as Chairman in 2015. Chairman Weinstein highlighted all of the accomplishments in 2015 and projects scheduled for 2016 and is looking forward to this year as Chairman, completing existing projects, starting new ones, and planning for new undertakings.

Election of Board Vice-Chairman for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to elect Barry Moore as Vice-Chairman for 2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Election of Board Secretary for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to elect Eileen Silver as Board Secretary for 2016. **Motion Passed 4-0-1 (Mrs. Silver abstained).**

Election of Board Treasurer for 2016:

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to elect Dr. Kimberly Rose as Board Treasurer for 2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Chairman Weinstein indicated he was moving the Board of Liaison Appointments to the end of the meeting.

Resolutions and Motions:

1. Resolution R-16-1 Setting Bond Limits

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Komelasky) to adopt Resolution R-16-1 fixing the bond amounts for Township Officers for the 2016 calendar year at \$1,000,000 for the Treasurer, \$1,000,000 for the Township Manager, and \$3,000,000 for the Finance Director.

Motion Passed 5-0.

2. Resolution R-16-2 Approving the Real Estate Tax Levy for 2016

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Komelasky) to adopt Resolution R-16-2 establishing the real estate tax millage for the 2016 calendar year as follows: General Fund 3.9845 mils, Debt Service Fund 4.303 mils, Fire Protection Fund 1.05 mils, Rescue Squad Fund .125 mils, Park & Recreation Fund 1.50 mils, Library Fund 1.6 mils, and Road Equipment Capital Fund .365 mils, for a total of 12.9275 mils. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

3. Board of Supervisors Meeting Schedule for 2016

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Moore) to set the Board of Supervisor meeting dates for 2016 as follows: January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 3 (Budget Presentation) - 6:00 p.m., October 26, November 9 (Budget Workshop) - 6:00 p.m., November 16, December 14, and January 2, 2017 (Board Reorganization).

The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to each regular meeting to review the agenda and the televised meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Set 2016 Holiday Schedule for Non-Union Employees

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Rose) to approve the 2016 holiday schedule for non-union employees as follows: January 1-New Year's Day, January 18-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, February 15-President's Day, March 25-Good Friday, May 30-Memorial Day, July 4-Independence Day, September 5-Labor Day, November 24-Thanksgiving Day, November 25-Day after Thanksgiving Day, December 23-Christmas Eve,(Christmas Eve lands on a Saturday) December 26-Christmas Day,(Christmas Day lands on a Sunday) and December 30-New Year's Eve (New Years Eve lands on Saturday). **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Establishment of the Mileage Reimbursement Rate

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Silver) to approve the 2016 mileage reimbursement rate at the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service. **Motion passed 5-0.**

6. Designation of Financial Institutions as Official Depositories for Township Funds

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Moore) to appoint TD Bank as the Official Depository for township funds in 2016 and designate any banking or financial institution in the township meeting the criteria outlined in Section 708 of the Second Class Township Code as authorized depositories for investment of idle funds. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

7. Re-Affirming Appointment of Brokers of Record

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Weinstein) to re-affirm the Delaware Valley Trusts as carriers for General Liability, Workers Compensation and Employee Health Insurance, and The Hartford Group as carriers of Life and Long Term Disability Insurance and Willis of Tennessee, Inc., as brokers of records for Officer and Employee Bonds for the year 2016 or until they are replaced. **Motion passed 5-0.**

8. Resolution R-15-3 Adopting a Fee Schedule for 2016

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Komelasky) to approve Resolution R-16-3 adopting the fee schedule for 2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

9. Investment Policy Statement for 2016

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Moore) to re-affirm the investment policy statement adopted by the Board on January 21, 2010 for 2016 that guides the investment of employee pension funds.

Motion Passed 5-0.

Appointment of Professional Consultants:

1. Appointment of Township Solicitor

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to appoint Rudolph, Clark LLC with Joseph Pizzo as special counsel as Township Solicitor for 2016, at a monthly retainer of \$2000.00 and a rate of \$150.00 per hour on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

2. Appointment of Township Engineer

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Komelasky) to appoint CKS Engineers as the Township Engineer for 2016 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

3. Appointment of Township Planner

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Silver) to appoint Pennoni Associates as the Township Planner for 2016 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Appointment of Video Consultant

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to appoint Video Gold Productions as Video Consultant to serve for 2016 on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Appointment of Labor Attorney

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Komelasky) to appoint Neil Morris, Esq. of Offit/Kurman as Township Labor Attorney on a month to month basis.

Dr. Rose stated a concern that Mr. Morris does not use his time wisely, which impacts the cost of his service. She noted that he received payment but stated the Township doesn't have a Police contract yet. Mr. Komelasky stated his invoices have been for other work besides the Police contract. **Motion Passed 4-1 (Dr. Rose voted no).**

6. Appointment of Traffic Engineer

A motion was made and seconded (Rose-Weinstein) to appoint McMahon Associates as Township Traffic Engineer on a month to month basis. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Board and Commission Appointments:

1. Appointment of Vacancy Chairman

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky - Silver) to appoint David Breidinger as Chairman of the Vacancy Board for 2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

2. Appointment to Blighted Property Committee

Chairman Weinstein appointed Thomas Orrino to the Blighted Property Committee to fill an expired term through 12/31/2016.

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A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Komelasky) to appoint Richard Smith to the Blighted Property Committee to fill an expired term through 12/31/2016. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

4. Appointment to Building Code Board of Appeals

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Weinstein) to appoint Michael Wolstenhome to the Building Code Board of Appeals to fill an expired term through 12/31/2020. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

5. Appointment to Historical Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Komelasky) to appoint Michael Tomkins to the Historical Commission to fill expired terms through 12/31/2020. Dr. Rose stated Mr. Tomkins does an excellent job. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

6. Appointment to the Library Board

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to appoint Ted Fisher to the Library Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Komelasky) to appoint Eleanor Rosso to the Library Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

A motion was made and seconded (Moore-Silver) to appoint Geemon George to the Library Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

7. Appointment to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Komelasky) to appoint John Jim to the Northampton Bucks County Municipal Authority to fill an expired term through 12/31/2020. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

8. Appointment to the Planning Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Komelasky) to appoint Steve Saddlemire to the Planning Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2019. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

9. Appointment to the Veterans Advisory Commission

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to appoint Larry Rubini to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board discussion.

Dr. Rose listed Mr. Rubini's accomplishments and how much he has done for our community. Mr. Weinstein commented on Mr. Rubini as being a man of the utmost character. **Motion Failed 2-0-3 (with Mrs. Silver, Mr. Moore and Mr. Komelasky abstaining)**

A motion was made and seconded (Silver-Komelasky) to appoint Brian Maloney to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board discussion.

Dr. Rose stated Mr. Maloney interviewed very well, but Mr. Rubini has proven to be an outstanding member of our Veterans Advisory Commission. Dr. Rose felt that Mr. Rubini was not treated fairly by the majority of the Board by not re-appointing him. Mr. Weinstein noted Mr. Maloney is a very qualified individual and knows he will do a good job.

Mr. Moore stated the Township is fortunate it had a number of qualified individuals and that makes the decision difficult, but it should be pointed out Mr. Maloney is a very qualified individual with a distinguished military career and will bring a lot to the table. **Motion Passed 3-2 (with Mr. Weinstein and Dr. Rose voting no).**

A motion was made and seconded (Weinstein-Rose) to appoint Bernadette Heenan to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board discussion.

Dr. Rose listed the many accomplishments Mrs. Heenan has brought the Commission and the community. Chairman Weinstein thanked Mrs. Heenan for her contributions to the Board. **Motion Failed 2-0-3 (with Mrs. Silver, Mr. Moore and Mr. Komelasky abstaining)**

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Silver) to appoint Sean Dougherty to the Veterans Advisory Commission to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018.

Chairman Weinstein called for Board discussion.

Dr. Rose stated Mr. Dougherty is a very nice gentleman, but raised her objection on the decisions being made. Mrs. Silver stated new thoughts and ideas need to be brought to the commission and Mr. Dougherty is very qualified. Dr. Rose questioned why, if it was appropriate to keep reappointing nominees to the Municipal Authority why was it not appropriate to reappoint to the Veterans Advisory Commission. Mr. Moore spoke on the outstanding qualifications of both applicants. Mr. Weinstein acknowledged the qualifications of both applicants and noted they will be an asset to the Commission. **Motion Passed 3-2 (with Mr. Weinstein and Dr. Rose voting no).**

10. Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Silver) to appoint Ted Hauptman to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018. **Motion Passed 4-1 (with Rose voting no).**

11. Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board (Alternate)

A motion was made and seconded (Komelasky-Weinstein) to appoint Frank O'Donnell to the Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate member to fill an expired term through 12/31/2018. **Motion Passed 5-0.**

Board Liaison Appointments:

Chairman Weinstein made the following Board liaison appointments and assignments:

- **George Komelasky**
 - Emergency Medical Services
 - Emergency Management
 - Police Protection Services
 - Public Works and Facilities
 - Administration
 - Finance
 - Personnel
 - Pensions
 - Insurance

- **Eileen Silver**
 - Blighted Property Committee
 - Fire Protection Services
 - Municipal Authority

- **Barry Moore**
 - Parks and Recreation Board
 - Free Library of Northampton

- **Dr. Kimberly Rose**
 - Council Rock School District
 - James E. Kinney Senior Center

- **Larry Weinstein**
 - Building Code Board of Appeals
 - Code Enforcement
 - Historic Commission
 - Planning Commission
 - Zoning Hearing Board
 - Veterans Advisory Commission

- **SWBSWAC**
 - George Komelasky
 - Dr. Kimberly Rose

- **PSATS Voting Delegate**
 - Eileen Silver

There being no further business, Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Silver, Secretary

